

## Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority Board Meeting

2:00 - 4:00 June 20, 2016 Windsor Heights Community Center

### **MINUTES**

### **WMA Members Present:**

John Schultz, Dallas County Soil & Water **Conservation District** Jane Clark, Polk County Soil & Water **Conservation District** Jennifer Welch, Polk County Soil & Water **Conservation District** Bob Rice, Polk County Angela Connolly, Polk County Doug Ollendike, City of Clive Susan Judkins, City of Clive Dan Pritchard, City of Des Moines Scott Hutchins, City of Des Moines Steen Soupier, City of Grimes David Wilwerding, City of Johnston Andy Kass, City of Waukee Rachel Conrad, City of Clive

### **Others Present:**

Kyle Ament, Iowa DNR Bethany Wilcoxon, Capital Crossroads Clifford Leonard Carol Miller, Polk County Farm Bureau Jennifer Terry, Des Moines Water Works

### **Consultants Present**

Greg Pierce, RDG Mark Land, Snyder and Associates

### **MPO Staff Present:**

Teva Dawson, Senior Planner

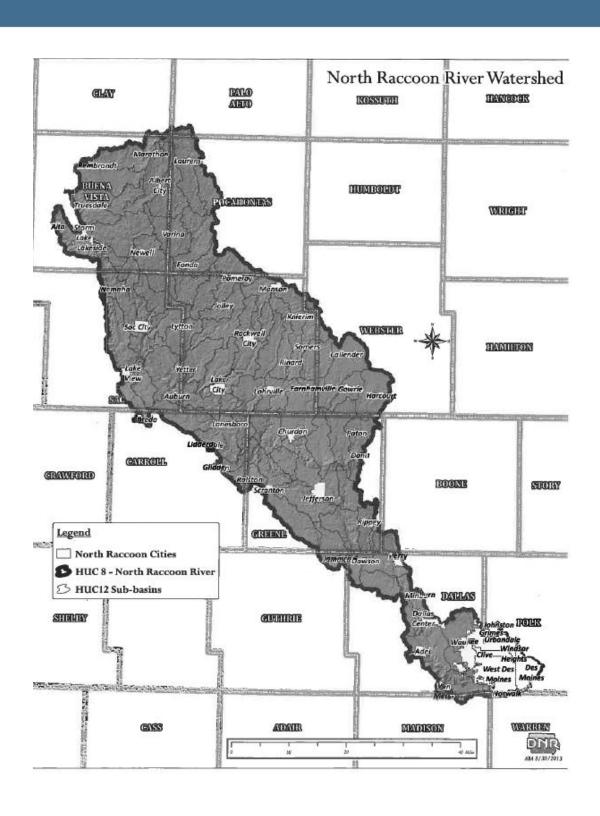
- 1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01.
- 2. Introductions were made.
- 3. The agenda was approved.
- 4. The minutes were approved.
- 5. Public Comment: there was no public comment
- 6. North Raccoon WMA (DNR):
  - Staff from the DNR talked about the formation of the North Raccoon River WMA. It is a HUC 8 and the Walnut Creek WMA is a subwatershed within that large watershed (see map below). The state has received federal funding to conduct watershed improvements. The DNR hopes the Walnut Creek WMA will support the DNR in its efforts to conduct outreach to upstream communities. This work will begin in July with informational meetings across the state beginning in the fall. It was recommended by a member of the group that part of this process should delineate for legislators what they can do to pass legislation to support watershed improvement work. IT was also asked if the Raccoon River master plan can support this work as well. The Walnut Creek WMA will continue to get updates from the DNR regarding this effort.
- 7. Executive Committee Make-up

The departure of Tom Hadden creates a vacancy on the Executive Committee. Anyone with an interest in serving on the committee should let Susan Judkins know.

- 8. Council of WMA
  - The next meeting of the Council of WMAs is on July 14. Let Teva know if there is anything you
- 9. Update: Watershed Coordinator Position
  Polk County staff indicated that they passed a resolution to approve the funding pending the contributions from the major communities are secure. Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District will begin staffing the WMAs when they receive this funding. This agreement is good for one year. This position will support all three regional WMAs in implementing their plans.
- 10. Vote: Approval of the Watershed Plan:

  RDG reviewed some of the updates that were made to the plan since the last meeting mainly the addition of more projects. They received a lot of good feedback from the member governments. They noted that projects recommended on private property do not commit the cities to the project. A question was raised as to their changes with the Floodplain Policy. It now
  - reads that all communities should seek the 3' rule. RDG indicated this change was made to create consistency across the region. The WMA officially and unanimously endorsed the plan. See list below for those that officially represented each government jurisdiction in the vote.
- 11. Next Steps with the Watershed Plan
  - The Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District will support the WMA in implementation of the plan. RDG will see if they can help provide presentations to jurisdictions that bring the final plan to the elected officials. MPO will help house the data should communities need to access it in the future. The MPO will also issue a press release celebrating the adoption/completion of the plan. It is encouraged that each community take this back to their boards and councils for official endorsement. RDG will be following up with a one page summary of the plan and the high-level priorities.
- 12. Next meeting: TBD

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